

SMPAC

(ARIZONA STATE MIGRANT EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

MEETING MINUTES

02/04/14

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRSESIDENT Veronica Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:30a.m., on February 04, 2014 at Yuma Elementary District Office, 450 Sixth Street, Yuma 85364.

We had two motions 1. Barbara Parra and the 2.Dora Luz Quiroz

II. ROLL CALL

Secretary, Olivia Bermudez conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President Veronica Hernandez, Vice-President Francisca Esparza, Secretary Olivia Bermudez, ADE-MEP Education Program Specialists Raquel Alvara, Gloria Demara (Raising Special Kids Representative) and the following Representatives:

- Maria Gutierrez: Arlington Elementary
- Viridiana Montañó: Arlington Elementary
- Beatriz Gutierrez: Arlington Elementary
- Rosario Garcia: Casa Grande Union HSD
- Barbara Parra: Douglas Unified
- Dora Luz Quiroz: Gadsden Elementary
- Aurora Serrano: Hyder Elementary
- Delfina Caughlan: Hyder Elementary
- Pablo Quinteros: PPEP, Inc.
- Esther Ruelas: Stanfield Elementary
- Gabriel Agüero: Willcox Unified
- Maria Lopez: Willcox Unified
- Gloria Lopez: Yuma Elementary
- Rosa Marquez: Yuma Elementary
- Reyna Villapudua: Yuma Elementary
- Maria Juarez: Crane Elementary
- Roxana Ortega: Crane Elementary
- Maribel Avila: Wellton Elementary
- Rosa Landa: Wellton Elementary

III. APROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The review of minutes from the last meeting was approved. We had two motions from the following representatives:

- Luz Quiroz
- Rosario Garcia

IV. OPEN ISSUES

OFFICERS REPORT

Nothing to report.

V. PRESENTATION

Raising Special Kids by Gloria Demara provided information on Individual Education Plans (IEP), what parents can be doing pertaining to the communication with the schools, and the process and evaluations conducted for students to qualify for special education services.

MEP Allocations: Raquel Alvara from Arizona Department of Education MEP Unit provided a summary of how the Migrant funds are distributed to the school districts. She informed parents of the various factors that are represented in the formula, such as enrollment, interrupted moves, English language learners, and where the school resides.

Use of MEP Funds: Ralph Romero, State Migrant Director, spoke via phone conference, to discuss the use of MEP Funds. He emphasized the importance of districts' necessity to review their Needs Assessment to determine how they plan to deliver their program to assist Migrant students.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SMPAC Chairperson, Veronica Hernandez, had members share out topics of what they wanted to hear for the next meeting on May 6, 2014. SMPAC members voted on the following two topics:

- Bullying
- Safe Schools

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMPAC Members took time to recognize each other for their children's accomplishments or their own personal accomplishments.

SMPAC Chairperson, Veronica Hernandez, informed members of next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in Phoenix, AZ.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

SMPAC Chairperson, Veronica Hernandez, officially adjourned the meeting at 2:30p.m. February 4, 2014.